Reduction of the Patrolling Staff in the Arukutty Circle.

28. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the reductions made in the staff previously employed for patrol work in the Arukutty Circle, subsequent to the purchase of the motor boats referred to above; and

(*b*) the number and the official designation of the hands that were thus reduced?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) There was no reduction of hands at the Arukutty *chowkey* consequent on the introduction of motor boats. But there is reduction in the Nerekadavu and Perumblam ranges of the Division as shown below:—

One Inspector on	Rs.	50
One Petty Officer on	Rs.	20
One Petty Officer on	Rs.	17½
Two Petty Officers on	Rs.	12½ each
Three peons on	Rs.	8 each
Fifty-seven peons on	Rs.	7 each.

The total annual saving secured by the reduction of staff is Rs. 6,666.

Present Patrolling Staff in the Arukutty Division.

29. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many hands are employed for the requirements of each motor boat and how many for patrol work; and

(*b*) whether it has been found possible to get the work done satisfactorily by the hands at present employed both for running the boats and for patrol work at Arukutty?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The following hands are employed for plying each motor boat, one *viz.*, driver on Rs 20-2-30, one helmsman on Rs. 12-1-15 and one cleaner on Rs. 9-1-12. One Sub-Inspector or Petty Officer and two peons of the preventive force usually go in the motor boat for patrol work.

(*b*) Patrol work is now carried on in the Arukutty Division in motor boats as well as in ordinary boats. The existing preventive staff in the Arukutty Division is reported to be doing the patrol work satisfactorily.

Loan of Excise Motor Boats.

30. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether, in addition to the work of patrolling, the above motor boats are being used for private purposes as well;

(*b*) whether the motor boats are being lent for the use of officers of any other department;

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